

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on Monday, August 8, 2005 in Room 830, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Davalos called a meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 10:13 a.m. The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Davalos  
Commissioner Creary  
Commissioner Jernigan  
Commissioner Rodriguez  
Commissioner ZeBrack

Introduction of audience followed.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Davalos suggested the Commission discuss attendance issues at the upcoming retreat and also requested Commissioners to complete the retreat survey.

(Commissioner Freeman joined the meeting during the President's Report at 10:17 a.m.).

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

President Davalos reported on the expenditures for the month of July, 2005. The beginning balance for July, 2005 was \$26,078.06; expenditures were \$2,144.39; income was \$197.96; and the ending balance was \$24,131.63. The monthly spending allowance for August, 2005 is \$2,193.78.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Staff reported the following:

- The California State Commission on the Status of Women's 40th Anniversary Reception will be held at the California Museum for History, Women and the Arts in Sacramento on August 29, 2005 from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Articles in the *County Digest* feature the Women of the Year Awards and Supervisor Burke's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Quinceañera Celebration.
- Effective July 1, 2005 the county mileage reimbursement rate has been raised to 37 cents per mile.
- Check requests may be delayed due to new accounting procedures in the Executive Office.

### **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Commissioner Jernigan indicated the United States Congress was in recess and she also discussed NACW Issue alerts, including one concerning Title 9. She further

announced a rally on the gas price hikes on August 30<sup>th</sup> and a rally on social security in Downtown. She further indicated her committee would look into SB 840 and requested staff to research the status of this bill.

### **PRESENTATIONS ON COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS**

Pamela Booth, Head Deputy of the District Attorney's Office Family Violence Division, reported on the D.A.'s response to domestic violence in Los Angeles County. She began by reviewing filing standards for prosecuting felony domestic violence cases. She emphasized that in order to justify and effectively prosecute domestic violence cases, at the time of filing a deputy with special training and experience in the evaluation and prosecution of domestic violence cases will review the case for filing. She then reviewed statistics for domestic violence filings in 2003 and explained various domestic violence programs, including the Victim Impact Program (VIP), the Guide for Effective Response to Domestic Abuse (GERDA) and the Victim-Witness Assistance Program. She concluded by explaining the D.A's training for law enforcement, medical personnel, the Coroner and other county and public agencies.

The Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-978-3600) provides services and referrals to victims in multiple languages.

President Davalos thanked Ms. Booth for her informative presentation.

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting at 11:16 a.m., constituting a quorum.)

Sheila Hazlett, Community and Senior Services Department, explained her department's response to the Commission's domestic violence recommendations. In the past Community and Senior Services has staffed the Domestic Violence Council, which consists of 36 voting member agencies, 18 public and 18 private. The Council will be moved from CSS to the Executive Office. She went on to explain various CSS domestic violence programs, including a Cal WORKS program, the GROW program and an emergency shelter program.

President Davalos thanked Ms. Hazlett for her informative presentation.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner ZeBrack, and duly carried, with Commissioner Creary abstaining, the Commission approved the minutes of July 25, 2005 with the following changes indicated in ***bold italics***:

Under Installation Ceremony, Page 1: ***Commissioner Freeman introduced and welcomed*** Jana Cooley, Fifth District Deputy, ***who*** swore in Reiko Duba as the 2005-06 Commission Treasurer ***on behalf of Supervisor Antonovich. Deputy Cooley then thanked Treasurer Duba for her work and congratulated her on her election.***

Under Approval of Minutes, Page 2, Commissioner Freeman suggested that ~~commissioners who weren't present at a meeting couldn't offer corrections to the minutes.~~

Under Community Outreach for Commissioner Creary,

1. She attended the "Get Ready" Launch for Emergency Preparedness Plan **for the DHS/ Public Health held at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.** Supervisors Antonovich, Burke, Knabe, and Yaroslavsky were in attendance.
2. On July 24, 2005, she attended the National Medical Association's Council on the Concerns on Women's Physicians in New York City; **Maya Angelou was the Luncheon Key Note Speaker.**
3. **Donna Christianson, U.S. Congresswoman of the Virgin Islands, was in attendance at the Family Practice Dinner on July 24, 2005 at Battery Gardens Restaurant in Battery Park, New York.**

#### **CONSIDER SUPPORTING AB 1285**

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, the Commission agreed to support Assembly Bill 1285 (Montanez) concerning stipends for licensed child care providers. The Commission then requested staff to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors informing them of the Commission's support of this bill.

#### **CONSIDER \$500 DONATION TO MID WILSHIRE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COLLABORATIVE AWARDS**

Commissioner Rodriguez requested that the Commission table this item.

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and unanimously carried, the Commission agreed to table the donation to the Mid Wilshire Domestic Violence Collaborative until the next meeting.

#### **AMEND TRUST FUND CRITERIA ITEM #4**

President Davalos first reviewed the changes recommended by the Finance Committee to the Trust Fund Criteria Item #4, concerning allocating funds to domestic violence agencies.

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner ZeBrack, and unanimously carried, the Commission voted to increase domestic violence donations from \$1000 to \$2500, allocating \$500 to each District.

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and unanimously carried, the Commission agreed to change Trust Fund Criteria, Item #4 to refer to the allocations as donations rather than grants.

On motion of Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, and unanimously carried, the Commission agreed to broaden the scope of the donations to include valid service providers in the area of domestic violence.

Commissioners were reminded that commissioners representing their respective districts would recommend the domestic violence agencies located in their district for ratification by the Commission. Commissioner Rodriguez indicated she would provide the Commission a list of domestic violence service providers.

### **CONSIDER PURCHASING TICKETS TO CPAF GALA**

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner ZeBrack, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the purchase of two tickets to the Center for the Pacific Asian Family 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala on September 22, 2005.

### **POSTPONEMENT OF COMMISSION MEETING**

On motion of Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, and unanimously carried, the Commission agreed to postpone the September 12, 2005 Commission meeting to September 26, 2005 in order to allow staff and commissioners to prepare for the 5k Run/Walk for Fitness on September 24, 2005 at the Rose Bowl.

### **MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA:**

President Davalos reminded Commissioners to bring proposed Commission resolutions and other proposed Commission actions to the Commission for approval prior to sharing them with the community.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Health Committee:** Commissioner Creary indicated the committee proposes that the Commission hold a community meeting in the Second District. Also, the committee is forwarding SB 840, a health care bill, to the Legislative Committee for review. Finally, Commissioner Creary announced the next committee meeting on September 26, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 830 and indicated the committee proposes working with the Education Subcommittee on providing scholarships for nursing students.

**Education Subcommittee:** Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported that the subcommittee met on July 29, 2005 and agreed to recommend that the Commission change the name of the 5k Scholarship by omitting the reference to girls at risk. Commissioners requested Commissioner Becerra-Jones to write her reasons for changing the name of the scholarship. Commissioner Freeman announced she would be contacting the Antelope Valley Rehabilitation Center's Women's Unit to see if women would like to participate in the 5k and to inform them of the Commission's scholarship program.

**5k Run/Walk Subcommittee:** Commissioner Creary announced that art work by artist Noni Higgins would be raffled at this year's 5k. She then distributed samples of her art work.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were none.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Community Creary reported the following:

1. Announced a free luncheon event on August 18, 2005 with Congresswoman Diana Watson at the Holman United Methodist Church from 1-4 p.m. at 3320 W. Adams in Los Angeles.
2. Announced the Black Women for Wellness breakfast meeting with a delegation of Ugandan women on August 11, 2005 at 8 a.m.. Call (323) 290-5955 for more information.
3. Attended the National Medical Associations meetings in New York from July 22-28, 2005.

Commissioner Rodriguez attended the following:

1. GERDA – ICAN Domestic Violence Task Force on July 27, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.
2. Pico Union Family Support meeting on July 28, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.
3. Education Subcommittee meeting on July 29, 2005
4. Mid-Wilshire Domestic Violence Collaborative meeting on August 3, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, President Davalos adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **COMMISSIONERS**

Karin Davalos, President  
Yolanda Becerra-Jones  
Ruth Creary, Ph.D  
Peggy J. Freeman  
Ruth Jernigan  
Olivia Rodriguez  
Elise ZeBrack

### **EXCUSED**

Charlotte Lesser, Vice President  
Reiko Duba, Treasurer  
Wadie Gravely  
Bonnie Lewis  
Janet Mummey, Esq.  
Barbara Perkins

### **COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

Pamela Booth, District Attorney's Office  
Mercedes Calzadillas, Office of Affirmative Action Compliance  
Sheila Hazlett, Community and Senior Services  
Executive Office Staff: Khanh Nguyen, Steve Erickson, Nyla Jefferson, Gabe Alexander

### **GUEST**

Rose Borja